

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS NELSON TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS ALEXANDROVICH
(OCA/USPS-T5-15)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Nelson to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T5-15, filed on September 5, 1997, and redirected from witness Alexandrovich.

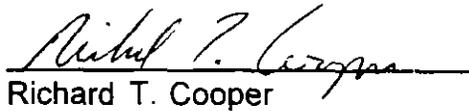
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Response of Postal Service Witness Nelson to OCA Interrogatory
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OCA/USPS-T5-15. Please confirm that the procedure for determining attributable costs for cost component 6.1 (city carriers office activity, direct labor) in the base year is the same as that described on page 6-4 of library reference H-1. If you do not confirm, please describe all deviations from the H-1 methodology.

Response:

Not confirmed. Methodological refinements for cost component 6.1 that were introduced in the base year are described in the following:

- USPS-T-19, section I.A (pages 3-5),
- Exhibit USPS-19A, part 4.d (page 5), and
- USPS-LR-H-161, sections I and II (pages 1-2).

DECLARATION

I, Michael A. Nelson, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

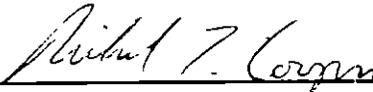


Michael A. Nelson

Dated: 9-19-97

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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